

Prime Bank signs deal with Crown Cement

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Prime Bank PLC recently signed an agreement with Crown Cement PLC, one of the leading cement manufacturing companies in Bangladesh.

Md Nazeem A Choudhury, deputy managing director of the bank, and Mohammad Ahasan Ullah, group chief financial officer of the cement manufacturing company, penned the deal at the bank's corporate office in the capital, said a press release.

Under this agreement, the cement company's employees will enjoy preferential banking service, including credit card and

loan facilities from the bank.

They will also enjoy PrimePay, a digital portal of the bank, to pay seamless automated salary as well as carryout corporate payments conveniently round the clock.

Sajid Rahman, senior executive vice-president and area head of Dhaka for corporate and institutional banking at the bank, Shailla Abedin, executive vice-president and head of women banking and affluent segment, Anup Kanti Das, head of payroll banking, and Saleh Md Mahfuzul Hassan, senior vice president and team head of corporate and institutional banking, were present.



Md Nazeem A Choudhury, deputy managing director of Prime Bank PLC, and Mohammad Ahasan Ullah, group chief financial officer of Crown Cement PLC, pose for photographs after signing an agreement at the bank's corporate office in the capital recently.

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Mohammad Mamdudur Rashid, managing director and CEO of United Commercial Bank PLC, cuts a ribbon to inaugurate a branch of the bank on Abdul Halim Sarak in Basurhat of Noakhali recently.

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UCB opens two branches in Cumilla, Noakhali

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United Commercial Bank (UCB) PLC recently opened two new branches at Mainamati in Cumilla and Basurhat in Noakhali with a view to providing top-notch banking services to residents of these areas.

These are the 230th and 231st branches of the bank, the bank said in a press release. Mohammad Mamdudur Rashid, managing director and CEO of the bank, inaugurated both branches as the chief guest.

"So many people in the country are still out of formal banking services. We aim to bring more people under banking services, expediting the process of digital inclusion," Rashid said.

"Through these two new branches, UCB will be providing the most advanced banking services to the people living in this region."

Established in 1983, United Commercial Bank PLC has been expanding its branch network system across the country to ensure best banking services for its customers, the press release added.

Govt urged to amend Marine Fisheries Act

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The Bangladesh Marine Fisheries Association (BMFA) has urged the interim government to amend the Marine Fisheries Act, which outlines the rules and technical guidelines, so emerging problems and challenges faced by those in the sector can be resolved.

The association made the demand during a view-exchange meeting with Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhtar at her office at the Bangladesh Secretariat in the capital recently, according to a press release.

The representatives demanded the removal of the ban on fishing during the whitefish breeding season in the Bay of Bengal and rescheduling of the Hilsa breeding season in coordination with research and intercontinental sea-centric countries.

Enam Chowdhury, president of the association, demanded the creation of a commission to make necessary amendments or cancellations to the provisions in the law.

The fisheries and livestock adviser said the people of the country can buy fish extracted from the Bay of Bengal at a relatively low price.

Moreover, the quality of sea fish is very high and provides protein and omega for the human body, she said.

Akhtar also placed emphasis on the marine fisheries sector and pledged to take necessary measures to eliminate all problems in this sector.

She also emphasised the need to increase marine fish exports.

StanChart wins Visa Payments Excellence Awards 2024

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Standard Chartered Bangladesh recently won three awards at Visa Payments Excellence Awards 2024 in three categories at the award-giving ceremony, styled "Visa Leadership Conclave Bangladesh 2024."

During the awards ceremony, the bank received the most-anticipated award of the night in the credit card category, winning the "Excellence in Consumer Cards - Credit" award.

The bank also won the "Excellence in Contactless Payments - Issuer" and "Excellence in Cross-Border Payments - Credit", the multinational bank said in a press release.

Naser Ezaz Bijoy, chief executive officer of Standard Chartered Bangladesh, and Mohammad Lutful Habib, managing director and head of wealth and retail banking, received awards on behalf of the bank at the Sheraton Dhaka in the capital's Banani.



Naser Ezaz Bijoy, chief executive officer of Standard Chartered Bangladesh, and Mohammad Lutful Habib, managing director and head of wealth and retail banking, receive awards at Visa Payments Excellence Awards 2024 at the award programme, styled "Visa Leadership Conclave Bangladesh 2024" at the Sheraton Dhaka in the capital's Banani recently.

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"As we walk alongside Bangladesh on our journey to go cashless, we are delighted to have partners like Visa, who share our goals and aspirations," Naser said. "We look forward to

continuing our journey with Visa, contributing to Bangladesh's resilient growth by promoting the adoption of safe, secure, and simple payment processes."

Four-day 'mega sale' at Wecon Chowdhury Arcade in Cumilla



Mostafa Ashraful Islam Alvi, managing director of Wecon Properties Ltd and P2P Family, and Tariq Anam Khan, actor and brand ambassador of the company, cuts a ribbon to inaugurate the opening of the four-day mega sale event that ended at Kandirpar in Cumilla yesterday.

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Wecon Chowdhury Arcade, developed by Wecon Properties Ltd, opened its doors for a spectacular four-day mega sale event that ended at Kandirpar in Cumilla yesterday.

Over 300 shops were set up and offered discounts and prizes like a Royal Enfield motorcycle, Toyota

Aqua car, iPhone 16, gold chains and over 50 other enticing rewards, adding even more appeal to the event.

Humayun Mozaher Chowdhury, Jahangir Mazhar Chowdhury, Mohammad Zahid Mazhar Chowdhury, landowners, and Mostafa Ashraful Islam Alvi, managing director of Wecon Properties Ltd and P2P Family,

inaugurated the opening of the mega sale event, said a press release.

During the ceremony, Tariq Anam Khan, actor and brand ambassador of Wecon Properties Ltd, said Wecon Chowdhury Arcade is set to illuminate the hearts of the people of Kandi Para and beyond, attracting everyone to new investment possibilities.

"It's not just an arcade, it's the gateway to turning dreams into reality, paving the way for future opportunities. Let's take our 'Dream Wecon Chowdhury Arcade' to new heights," he said.

Among others, Mahadi Iftakhar, director of Wecon Properties and P2P Family, Dewan Rashidul Hasan, executive director, Nirjhor Chakraborty, executive director of Pears Communication, Ramen Das Gupta, group deputy general manager, Nazmul Ben Abedin, head of business operation and development, and Mohammad Hasan, consultant for sales and marketing, were also present.

Exim Bank organises business development conference

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Exim Bank organised a "Business Development Conference 2024" at the bank's head office in the capital yesterday.

Md Nazrul Islam Swapan, chairman of the bank, attended the conference as the chief guest, the bank said in a press release.

In his speech, Swapan said all the employees of the bank take the bank forward by working hard and providing the best customer service.

Mohammad Feroz Hossain, managing director and CEO of the bank, discussed the overall activities and business possibilities for the bank to overcome the current challenges of the banking sector

while presiding over the conference. SM Rezaul Karim and Khandaker Mamun, independent directors of the bank, Md Humayun Kabir, additional managing director, Md Zoshim Uddin Bhuiyan, Maksuda

Khanam and Md Moidul Islam, deputy managing directors, along with all branch managers, sub-branch in charges and divisional heads of the head office were also present.



Md Nazrul Islam Swapan, chairman of Exim Bank PLC, attends the "Business Development Conference 2024" of the bank at its head office in the capital yesterday.

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WEST ZONE POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED (WZPDCL) (An enterprise of Bangladesh Power Development Board) Office of the Project Director Smart Pre-Payment Metering Project (Phase 2) for WZPDCL Area, WZPDCL 35 Boyra Main Road, Khulna-9000. Mob: 01766-690831 Email: pd.sppmp@wzpdcl.gov.bd			
Memo No: 27.22.4785.700.50.008.24/42		Dated: 07/11/2024	
Corrigendum/Amendment			
Due to some unavoidable reasons the following amendment/corrigendum has been made to the Tender Inquiry No: 27.22.4785.700.50.008.24/31 Dated: 08/10/2024, "Design, Manufacture, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 1,38,811 nos. Smart Pre-Payment Meter with related services on Turn-key Basis". Concerned are requested to take necessary action accordingly.			
Sl. No.	Reference	Existing	Amended as
01	6.2.1.28.3: Latching relay specifications Sl.No:1) Manufacturers Name & Address:	"Gruner, Germany/ Schneider Electric, USA/ Johnson Electric, Germany"	Gruner, Germany/ Schneider Electric, USA/ Johnson Electric, Germany/ KG, USA
02	PCC [GCC 42.10]	During the Defect Liability Period, if any Plant & Equipment is damaged and replaced by the Contractor, fresh Defect Liability Period for 03(three) years of operation shall be counted for replaced Plant & Equipment from the date of repair, replacement, commissioning thereof.	During the Defect Liability Period, if any Plant & Equipment is damaged and replaced by the Contractor, Defect Liability Period shall be the remaining period of the original Defect Liability Period.
03	6.2.2.1 Specification of single phase Smart Pre-payment Meter: Sl. No 31[Built in clock] 6.2.2.2 Specification of three phase Smart Pre-payment Meter: Sl. No 31[Built in clock]	Real Time Clock (RTC) as per IEC 62054-21 or updated version. RTC must have separate battery back-up. If the main battery is removed, the time shall not be reset.	Real Time Clock (RTC) as per IEC 62054-21 or updated version. RTC must have separate battery (Country of origin: USA/EU/UK/JAPAN) back-up or Super Capacitor (with at least 06 hrs back up). If the main battery is removed, the time shall not be reset.
04	6.2.2.13: Specifications of DCU (Data Concentrator Unit) for prepaid meters: No. 17:	RAM: 256MB	RAM: 128/256MB
05	6.2.1.50 (4)	The manufacturer shall submit the offered PLC (mentioned in specification compliance sheet) communication Test Report and certification of meters and data concentrators as per latest Communication protocol from any accredited Independent Testing Laboratory demonstrating that the offered meter and DCU have passed interoperability tests.	The manufacturer shall submit the offered PLC (mentioned in specification compliance sheet) communication Test Report and certification of meters and data concentrators as per latest Communication protocol from any accredited Independent Testing Laboratory.
06	ITT 18.2:	Maximum number of partners in the JV shall be 2 (two)	Maximum number of partners in the JV shall be 3 (three)
07	6.2.1.50 Documents Submission Sl No. 7	The tenderer/ manufacturer shall have Satisfactory Performance Certificate from the End User (must be a Utility of electricity) with at least 2(Two) contracts of "Design, Manufacture, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Smart Pre-Payment meter & Online Smart Pre-Payment Metering System" of at least 1(one) from outside the manufacturers own country of the Smart Pre-Paid Meter with PLC communication during last 5 (five) calendar years. All end user certificates shall be in English in their letter head pad of the end users where detailed e-mail address, Telephone no., Fax no. will be furnished.	Section 6.2.1.50 Documents Submission Sl No. 7 is declared null and void
08	TDS [ITT 14.1 (b) (i)]	The manufacturer shall have satisfactory completion of supply of minimum 50,000 nos. Smart Prepaid Meter with PLC communication and 500 nos. of Data concentrators to a Electricity Utility under a single contract during last 5 (five) calendar years. It must be supported by end user certificate.	The manufacturer shall have satisfactory completion of supply of minimum 50,000 nos. Smart Prepaid Meter with PLC communication and 500 nos. of Data concentrators to a Electricity Utility under a single contract during last 5 (five) calendar years. It must be supported by end user certificate. or The manufacturer shall have satisfactory completion of supply of Smart Prepaid Meter with PLC communication and Data concentrators with a minimum value of 3.5 million USD or equivalent to a Electricity Utility under a single contract during last 5 (five) calendar years. It must be supported by end user certificate.
09	Tender Notice SL. 13 Last Date and Time for selling the Tender document	Date: 24.11.2024 Time: during Office Hour (9:00AM - 5:00PM) BST	Date: 04.12.2024 Time: during Office Hour (9:00AM - 5:00PM) BST
10	Tender Notice SL. 14 Tender Closing Date and Time	25.11.2024 at 11:30 AM (BST)	05.12.2024 at 11:30 AM (BST)
11	Tender Notice SL. 15 Tender Opening Date and Time	25.11.2024 at 12:00 PM (BST)	05.12.2024 at 12:00 PM (BST)
All other terms & conditions in the Tender document shall remain unchanged.			
 (Engr. Md Raki Uddin) Project Director			
Smart Pre-Payment Metering Project for West Zone Power Distribution Company Ltd. (WZPDCL) Area(Phase-II), Bidyut Bhaban, WZPDCL, Boyra Main Road, Khulna-9000			
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